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The World is Mad: Or, It is a Mad World, my Masters.
Especially now, when in the

ANTIPODES

These things are come to pass.

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THere are many, whoſe Brains are bewitch't with reading Hiſtories of great Travellers, and their Diſcoveries, that wonder at *Man-devils* Relation of ſtrange Wilderneſſes, full of ſtrange and wonderful Beaſts; and of ſome Countreys where the Geeſe had Notable Head-pieces, and Hens bore more Wool than Sheep; which whether they deſerve Credit or no, we refer it to the Sharpeſt Underſtandings. But if you have an itching Deſire to be Scrach't, and would have indeed their fancies and Admirations rais'd above their Common Level, you muſt ſeriouſly ſurvey the Countrey we are now about to Deſcribe; it is called the *Antipodes*, and lyes Fartheſt diſtant foot to foot from our Region; the people whereof, in outward Features, Language, and Religion, Reſemble thoſe to

whom they are Suppoſite, or beneath, as thoſe under *England* are very like to the *Engliſh* in perſons, but in Manners, Carriage and Condition of Life, Extreamly Contrary; for there the People Thwart not Magiſtrates, the Woman Ride the Men, Maids wooe Batchelors, and Wives are upper moſt; at Feaſts and Goſſippings, the men do all the Tittle-Tattle Duties, the Women inſtead of Lying in, lie out and let their ſore Rooms for their Husbands advantage; and their Husbands lie a bed in their ſtead for the whole Month, while the Women Hunt, Hawk, and Hector in the Country, and Drink, Swear, Baffle Watches, break Windows, and many times agree to kill the firſt man they meet in the City: in the Country of the *Antipodes*, there are no Women Brothel-Houſes, but quite Contrary to our *Engliſh* Extravagancies, their *Whetſtone Park*, their *Dog* and *Bitch-Yard*, *Leutenors-lane*, their *Sodom* and *Gomorrah*, and *Turnbal Street* are plentifully furniſhed with a goodly Company of young Luſty likely Timber'd fellows, which the Women often viſit as the men do them here; and ſome times they pay their Reckonings, ſome times build ſconces, and valiantly return with broken Heads, whole Pockets, and a Hatful of Laughter at the Rancounter: To diſcribe the manner of the *Metropolis* or Head City in the *Antipodes*, the *Aldermen* there are poor, honeſt and witty; the Town-*Poets* mere *Puritans*, the Gentlemen intreat Serjeants to arreſt them, the Serjeants or Officers are Conſcionable, and will not; they hate a Bribe worſe than ours do a Pumping. The Maids there Correct their Miſtreſſes, and ſome time lie with their Maſters, 'Tis allow'd: Young Men are the Lords of miſ-rule, and the

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old ones are put to School again, with great pieces of Bread and butter in their Hands, and Satchels at their Backs, like Tidy Town-born Children: Citizens hire not Gallants to lie with their wives, but hate Lace Bands, and Bump't fore-heads; but on the Contrary, if Wives are Caught playing foul play, the Citizen is not to sue his Wives Darling, nor recover costs and Damages for making him a Cuckold.

Lawyers there think themselves much abus'd, if you offer them a Fee; you cannot retain them unless you keep your money; much less are they ever feed on both sides, and will rather Contract their bill, than protract a cause.

In the *Antipodes*, the Taylors hate Cucumbers worse than ours do Toads, and would rather go to Hell themselves for Good and all, than keep one Continually at their Elbows; Beggars are the most absolute Courtiers in the *Antipodes*; and on the Contrary, Courtiers the Exquisit Beggars: as here Gallants Follow Lawyers, and Beggars them, there the Lawyer is followed by the Beggar, and the Gentleman follows him. The only Liberal persons are Usurers, and who do you think they are? but, Younger Brothers, Souldiers, rejected Courtiers, Readers, and Country School-Masters. Thus you see there is a pretty Contrariety in all things: As for Example, a Young Boy despairing of a Beard, will keep an Old Servant, whom he calls Boy, and abuse him at his pleasure; a man cannot walk the streets, but presently a young handsome Gentlewoman, (not a Buttock and file) shall take you up, carry you to the Tavern, and after to her Lodging; and if he prove of a brisk Active Spirit, Clap two broad pieces of Gold in his Dish for a Breakfast.

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In the *Antipodes*, the Men are as Arrant Goſſips, as the Women are here, and are often Duckt for ſcolding; There you ſhall ſee a Sick man give Counſel to a *Phyſitian*, a Puritan Trades-man teach a Traveller how to Lie, a Schiſmatick Shoo-maker adviſing a Scrivener how to keep his Ears, and a Pariſh-Clark inſtructing a General to order his Army.

The Dimentions of the Antipodes is juſt as large as that Country which is above it; ſo that the Engliſh Antipodes, if I may ſo term that part of it which ſeems beneath our Nation, is juſt as large as *England*; the Inhabitants there as well as with us, would a forſooth, be recokned very Religious, and are extreme nice, and Cretical, in obſerving their different Opinions. They have the ſame Sects, and thoſe the like Denominations, as ours here; but living in the *Antipodes*, you cannot Imagin but their Diſpoſitions are as Diamiter as their Scituation. Your Quaker there is the moſt exquiſite Bully in the Metropolis, he hates a Demure look and ſtarcht Countenance more than ours do Organs; not one of them but wears a Milliners ſhop at his Knees and waſtband, and is able to ſwallow nine Oaths and a Bottle of Wine at a Draught; and yet to ſee the Admirable Effects of Scite, even one Lie would Choak them; they had rather commit nine outrages in a frollick, than Cheat once ſecretly under the pretence of Religion, and think it a leſs ſin to go to a Publick Brothwel-houſe than with Pious Cantage to orecome a Siſter, for the propagation of the *Brother-hood*.

Your *Independant* there, is the only Loyalliſt; He holds there can be no Religion without a Church, nor

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no Church without a free Community, and orderly Government; that no Government can possibly subsist without Magistrates or Governors, on which the Members must have a necessary Dependance. That of all Magistrates the King (in whose hands Heaven has thought fit to Commit the Care of the Nation) must needs be the Supream in matters Ecclesiastical as well as Civil, and therefore their Obedience to him, next to that they owe the Deity, is the Weightiest Principle in their Religion.

Your *Anabaptist* in the *Antipodes*, is likewise a very sociable Religionist, and ('tis strange to see the contrary nature of Climates:) is so jealous of losing the Benefit of Baptism, that he Christens his Children as soon as Born; forbears *Dipping* them, for fear of *Drowning* them; and woud rather leave his Wife without the Comfortable Caudle, than his Child should run the Risk, during the Lazy Month.

Nor has the Air less Influence on the *Presbyterian* in the *Antipodes*, than on either of the forementioned Sectaries; for there he is generally esteem'd a great Hater of Pride, Self-Interest, and Contention: But it is fouly suspected by some who have travelled those parts, that since the Descention of *Noll*, *Ireton*, *Bradshaw*, and the rest of that Regiciding Tribe, into some of those Neighboring Territories, these People are mightily degenerated, and most resemble those in their Opposite Nation.

Your *Papist* or *Roman Catholicks* in the *Antipodes*, are very different from those with us in *England*: for there they live quietly by their Neighbors; by whom they are generally esteem'd the most Peaceable, Innocent, and

and Loyal Persons in the whole Land; Nor one *Caitiff*, or *Stayff*, to be found in the Land, but all of them being contented with the Priviledges in common enjoy'd by their other Fellow-Subjects, willingly submit to that duty and obedience which the Governours they live under require of them. Besides, these Men are too wise to be Superstitious, and with great reason believe there is more of Religion contained in one Hours Devotion directed immediately to the only True God, than, in Ten, which we indiscretly dedicate to the impotent images of Saints or Angels. This makes them Laugh at the Foppery of Bulls or Absolutions, and think them only fit to restrain the wild Exorbitance of that implicit herd, who so long as they can borrow other Mens Spectacles, never care for making use of their own Eyes.

In short, the Policy us'd in the *Antipodes*, is the very Marrow of Government, and the People of that Country the very Mirror of Obedience: They are Morally honest without Pride or Morosity, pious without Clownishness, or Superition, Sociable without Fauning and Ambition, Merry without profanation or Debauchery, and truly Happy because continually content; so that if a kind acceptation of this, give us any Incouragement (for 'tis a Deviliſh way to the *Antipodes*, and being down hill, 'twill be mighty Chargable to send thither) we shall again endeavour to divert the Reader with a Jocular comparison of their Vertues and Defects, and also with the most pleasing Rancounters that have lately happened in that Comical Country.

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